

Wisconsin Hepatitis C Surveillance Summary

Cases Reported 01/01/2001 through 12/31/2001

Summary

Total	3,721	100%
Confirmed (1)	2,719	73%
Unconfirmed (2)	977	26%

Gender

Males	2,443	66%
Females	1,247	34%
Unknown	31	1%

Age

0-12	8	0%
13-19	34	1%
20-29	171	5%
30-39	882	24%
40-49	1,840	49%
50+	770	21%
Unknown	16	0%

Race

White	1,393	37%
Black	532	14%
Am Indian	35	1%
Asian	18	0%
Other	5	0%
Unknown	1,738	47%

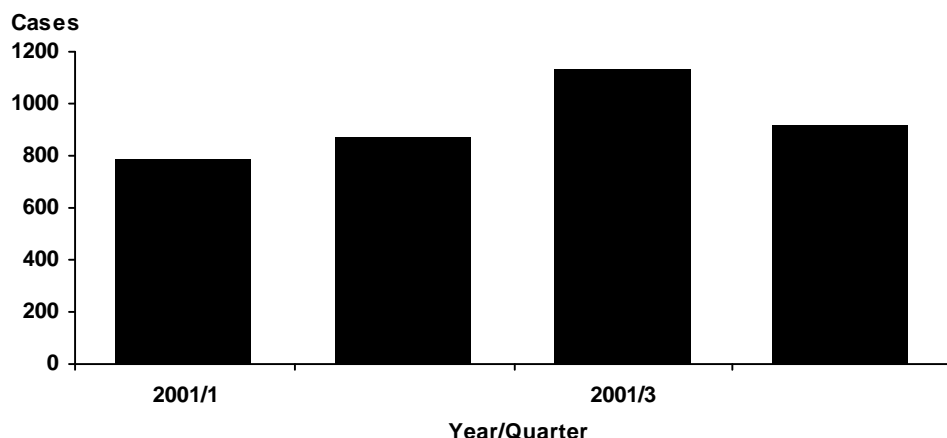
Ethnicity

Hispanic	124	3%
Not Hispanic	1,462	39%
Unknown	2,135	57%

Reported cases by county

Adams	4	Florence	1	Marathon	16	Rusk	3
Ashland	8	Fond Du Lac	34	Marinette	12	St Croix	7
Barron	4	Forest	4	Marquette	6	Sauk	31
Bayfield	1	Grant	8	Menominee	1	Sawyer	6
Brown	66	Green	5	Milwaukee	1214	Shawano	2
Buffalo	0	Green Lake	5	Monroe	13	Sheboygan	32
Burnett	7	Iowa	4	Oconto	10	Taylor	3
Calumet	3	Iron	0	Oneida	13	Trempealeau	6
Chippewa	17	Jackson	8	Outagamie	31	Vernon	2
Clark	4	Jefferson	22	Ozaukee	26	Vilas	3
Columbia	15	Juneau	17	Pepin	0	Walworth	45
Crawford	4	Kenosha	135	Pierce	6	Washburn	0
Dane	194	Kewaunee	3	Polk	16	Washington	24
Dodge	21	La Crosse	53	Portage	17	Waukesha	96
Door	6	Lafayette	0	Price	2	Waupaca	4
Douglas	34	Langlade	7	Racine	149	Waushara	13
Dunn	10	Lincoln	3	Richland	2	Winnebago	56
Eau Claire	22	Manitowoc	13	Rock	139	Wood	7
						Unknown	955

Reported cases by quarter



Footnotes:

(1) Confirmed: A positive recombinant immunoblot assay (RIBA) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result, a detectable viral load or identified genotype.

(2) Unconfirmed: A positive enzyme immunoassay test result and no other test result reported.

Technical Notes:

a. This report is compiled by the Wisconsin Hepatitis C Program and is based upon hepatitis C infection case reports submitted to the program by laboratories and local health departments (LHDs). Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a reportable communicable disease by Wisconsin administrative rule (HFS 145, Appendix A). Laboratories and health care providers should report HCV cases or suspected cases to the LHD within 72 hours of identification. Once the cases are reported, LHDs contact persons with HCV to provide health education, risk reduction counseling, and medical referral.

b. The majority of HCV cases reported to the Wisconsin Hepatitis C program are reported by laboratories. However, laboratories do not generally report demographic data such as region, race, or age. Thus, the surveillance summary data by demographic characteristics are often unknown.

c. Most of the HCV cases in the surveillance data represent chronic HCV cases of persons who were infected years ago. Persons with acute infection are often unaware that they have HCV because acute HCV often presents without symptoms.

For more information:

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